

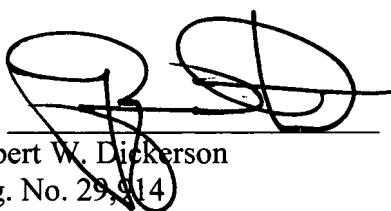
WHEREFORE, although Applicant believed and continues to believe that the previously pending claims are allowable over the prior art of record, Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims above now clearly place all of the pending claims in a condition for allowance, and has made these amendments so as to move this application promptly to issuance.

Thus Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance of all pending claims as stated herein be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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